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<b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (Certification Statement)</b>	Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENABLING DISTRIBUTED SUBSCRIPTION SERVICES, SUPPLIES MAINTENANCE, AND DEVICE- INDEPENDENT SERVICE IMPLEMENTATION	
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